Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2590, Treasury, Postal Appropriations.

House Committees ordered reported six sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages \$11251-\$11297

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 1595–1608, and S.J. Res. 27. Page S11286

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled "Further Revised Allocation to Subcommittees of Budget Totals for Fiscal Year 2002." (S. Rept. No. 107–91)

S. 951, to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 107–89)

H.R. 1042, to prevent the elimination of certain reports. (S. Rept. No. 107–90)

S. 1140, to amend chapter 1 of title 9, United States Code, to provide for greater fairness in the arbitration process relating to motor vehicle franchise contracts.

S.J. Res. 12, granting the consent of Congress to the International Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding. Pages S11285–86

Labor/HHS/Education Appropriations Act: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3061, making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Dorgan Amendment No. 2024, to provide for mandatory advanced electronic information for air cargo and passengers entering the United States.

Pages S11255, S11263-64

Harkin Amendment No. 2048, to provide funding for the development and construction of the first and second phases of the John Edward Porter Neuroscience Research Center.

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Harkin (for Wyden) Amendment No. 2049, to establish certain requirements relating to maintenance of effort for State expenditures on public education.

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Harkin (for Collins/Reed) Amendment No. 2050, to express the sense of the Senate regarding the release of fiscal year 2001 emergency funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

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Harkin (for Hatch/Harkin) Amendment No. 2051, to express the sense of the Senate that the Department of Health and Human Services produce a Notice regarding Good Manufacturing Practices for dietary supplements.

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Harkin (for Inouye) Amendment No. 2052, to amend Section 10 of the Native Hawaiian Health Care Improvement Act (42 U.S.C. 11709).

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Harkin (for Bayh) Amendment No. 2053, to require the Comptroller General of the United States to report on the State and local impacts of the administrative simplification requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

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Withdrawn:

Sessions Amendment No. 2042, to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to establish a floor on area wage adjustment factors used under the medicare prospective payment system for inpatient and outpatient hospital services.

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Sessions Amendment No. 2045, to require the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services to audit all Federal amounts allocated for AIDS prevention programs and to report to Congress concerning programs offering sexually explicit workshops using any of such amounts.

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Sessions Amendment No. 2054, to provide for a study and report regarding Federal student loan disbursements to students attending foreign schools.

Pages S11270, S11274-75

Pending:

Daschle Amendment No. 2044, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

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Gramm Amendment No. 2055 (to Amendment No. 2044), to preserve the freedom and constitutional rights of firefighters, law enforcement officers and public safety officers.

Pages S11271–73

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 10 a.m., on Thursday, November 1, 2001, where Senator Gregg and Senator Landrieu will be recognized to offer certain amendments with votes to occur on, or in relation to, the amendments.

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Appointments: The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 81–754, as amended by Public Law 93–536 and Public Law 100–365, appointed Senator Dodd to the National Historical Publications and Records Commission, vice Senator Jeffords.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

15 Air Force nominations in the rank of general. 19 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

A routine list in the Army. Pages S11296-97

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James E. Newsome, of Mississippi, to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission for the term expiring June 19, 2006. (Reappointment)

James E. Newsome, of Mississippi, to be Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission

Richard Clarida, of Connecticut, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Kenneth Lawson, of Florida, to be an Assistant

Secretary of the Treasury. Page S11297
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Measures Referred: Page S11285

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Additional Cosponsors: Pages \$11286-87

Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Authority for Committees to Meet: Page S11296

Adjournment: Senate met at 10 a.m., and adjourned at 5:59 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Thursday, November 1, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S11296.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

STEM CELL RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education concluded hearings to examine the progress in making stem cells available to federally-funded researchers, after receiving testimony from Wendy Baldwin, Deputy Director for Extramural Research, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Bert Vogelstein, Johns Hopkins University Oncology Center and Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Baltimore, Maryland, on behalf of the Biological and Biomedical Applications of Stem Cell Research Committee of the National Research Council and Institute of Medicine; James Thomson, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine/Wisconsin Regional Primate Research Center, and Carl E. Gulbrandsen, Wisconsin Alumni Research Foundation, both of Madison; Martin Pera, Monash University, Clayton, Victoria, Australia; and Joseph Itskovitz, Technion—Israel Institute of Technology and Rambam Medical Center Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology Haifa, Israel.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water concluded oversight hearings to examine financial innovations for improving the utilization of available drinking water and wastewater infrastructure funding, focusing on who is developing and using these innovations, the relative effectiveness of each, and specifically, what role the federal government can play in promoting those innovations that are most effective, after receiving testimony from G. Tracy Mehan, Assistant Administrator for Water, Environmental Protection Agency; Stephen E. Howard, Lehman Brothers, New York, New York; Rick Farrell, Council of Infrastructure Financing Authorities, and Peter L. Cook, National Association of Water Companies, both of Washington, D.C.; Harold J. Gorman, Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies; and Paul Pinault, Narragansett Bay Commission, Providence